

1. (Twice Amended) A trap for receiving bullets, the trap comprising:
a housing having a cavity defined by an outerwall surrounding a void and an opening at an upper end; and
an insert forming a bullet deceleration chamber, the insert being slidably insertable into and removable from the void of the housing through the opening at the upper end, the insert being formed of steel plates and having an opening sufficiently close to the opening in the housing for receiving a barrel of a gun.

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3. (Amended) A trap for receiving bullets, the trap comprising:
a housing having a cavity defined by an outerwall surrounding a void; and
an insert forming a bullet deceleration chamber, the insert being slidably insertable into and removable from the void of the housing, the insert being formed of a plurality of pieces of steel plate and having an opening for receiving a barrel of a gun, wherein the plurality of pieces of steel plate form a bottom portion having a generally u-shaped cross-section and a top removably engaging the bottom portion such that the insert has a square cross-section when the top is attached.

6. (Amended) A trap for receiving bullets, the trap comprising:
a housing having a cavity defined by an outerwall surrounding a void; and
an insert forming a bullet deceleration chamber, the insert being slidably insertable into and removable from the void of the housing, the insert being formed of a bullet decelerating material nad having vents; and

wherein the insert is formed from a top plate, a bottom plate and a pair of sidewalls, and wherein the vents are formed between the sidewalls and at least one of the top plate and the bottom plate.

14. (Twice Amended) A clearing trap for receiving bullets fired from a gun, the clearing trap comprising:

a housing having an outerwall with an opening at one end and a void disposed within the outerwall; and

an insert disposed in the void of the housing, the insert being made of steel plates and forming a continuous, removable bullet deceleration chamber from a position adjacent the opening of the housing to an opposing end of the bullet deceleration chamber with the void.

20. (Twice Amended) A method for forming a clearing trap, the method comprising;

selecting a housing having a void configured to receive a bullet deceleration chamber and an open end through which a bullet passes;

selecting a bullet deceleration chamber formed from a plurality of steel plates; and

sliding the bullet deceleration chamber through the open end and into the void configured to receive the bullet deceleration chamber.